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APPLICATION ELEMENTS:

(X) Specification in 32 pages.

(X) Drawings in 8 formal sheets.

(X) Declaration by Inventors in 6 pages.

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This Application	Continuation	10/289,467	11/06/02	Pending
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OTHER APPLICATION PARTS:

(X) Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 in 8 total pages (IDS and 1449).

(X) Return prepaid postcard.

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(X) The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

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FEE TYPE		**FEE CODE**	**CALCULATION**	**TOTAL**
Basic Utility		2001 ($385)		$385
Non-English Spec.		1053 ($130)		$0
Recordation Fee		8021 ($40)		$0
Excess Claims > 20	6 - 20 = 0	1202 ($18)	0 x 18 =	$0
Independent > 3	6 - 3 = 3	1201 ($86)	3 x 86 =	~~$258~~ 129
Multiple Claim		1203 ($290)		$
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